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SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know whether the State Government will take any steps to provide special or at least better type of buses for tourists than the ordinary type of buses we are now having in the city? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Government are satisfied that they are giving necessary facilities and conveniences for passengers who travel from here to Mahabalipuram and such other places. I do not think it is possible to take up the suggestion of the hon. Member now."

Stoppage of payment of house-rent allowance to the employees of municipalities.

* 90 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether any municipality has applied to the Government for permission to stop payment of house-rent allowance to their employees from 1954–55 ; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in the matter?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYACHI :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) Does not arise."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" May I know whether the Rasipuram Municipality in Salem district has applied to the Government for permission to stop payment of house-rent allowance to their employees? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYACHI :—" No, Sir."

Nomination of Special Councillors to the Corporation of Madras.

* 91 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) the purpose in nominating Special Councillors to the Corporation of Madras ; and

(b) how many have been nominated as Special Councillors to the City Council from 1st April 1950 and who are they?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYACHI :—" (a) Persons having special knowledge or experience of any subject relating to the municipal administration are appointed as special councillors on the Corporation Council to advise it on such subject, whenever necessary.

" (b) The following persons were appointed as special councillors since 1st April 1950 :—

(1) Sri S. Rajagopalan, Sanitary Engineer.

(2) Dr. R. Subramaniam, Director of Public Health, Madras.

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(3) Dr. T. Lakshminarayana, Director of Public Health, Madras.

(4) Sri A. Raghava Reddi, Chairman, Madras City Improvement Trust.

(5) Dr. K. S. Viswanathan, Director of Public Health, Madras.

(6) Dr. Adi Subramaniam, Director of Public Health, Madras.

(7) Sri Salahuddin Ahmed, acting Chairman, Madras City Improvement Trust.

(8) Capt. D. Gnanaolivu, Chairman, Madras City Improvement Trust."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether these special councillors of the City Corporation have got the right of vote at the Corporation meetings, election of Mayor, M.L.C. election, etc."

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYACHI :—" No Sir."

DR. A. SREENIVASAN :—" May I inform the Hon. Minister that these people did not attend a meeting at a time when their experience would have been of great use, especially when Government had spent so much money? "

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" Questions should be asked for eliciting information and not for giving information."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Use of radios by the patients occupying the special wards of the Government hospitals in the City of Madras.

6 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether radios are used by the patients, who occupy the special wards of the Government hospitals in the City of Madras; and

(*b*) if so, on whose authority the use of radios is permitted in the special wards?

A.—(*a*) Yes, Sir, in a few cases in the Government General Hospital and in the Government Ophthalmic Hospital, Madras, where the use of the radio is considered beneficial to the patient.

(*b*) Radios are used with the permission of the Dean and the Superintendent of the hospitals, respectively.